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SUBJ: NOMINATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT

1. POST NOMINATES MR. SAMUEL D.M. HANCILES FOR FY-78 IV
GRANT. BIOGRAPHIC DATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: SAMUEL DIONYSIUS MACDONALD HANCILES
SEX: MALE
DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 26, 1929; WATERLOO VILLAGE,
SIERRA LEONE.
NATIONALITY: SIERRA LEONEAN. RELIGION: CHRISTIAN, NO DIETARY
RESTRICTIONS.
ADDRESS: C/O DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
AND COMMUNICATIONS, FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE.
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING: AERODROME & APPROACH CONTROL; AERODROME
AND AIRPORT MANAGEMENT, U.K. BETWEEN 1958 AND 1970.
PRESENT POSITION: DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE SINCE 1977.
PAST POSITIONS: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, 1974-77;
AIRPORT COMMANDANT, 1969-74; SENIOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER,
1966-69.
TRAVELS ABROAD: WESTERN EUROPE, AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, ASIA
AND CANADA.
KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: EXCELLENT.

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MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN.
SPECIAL INTERESTS: SPORTS AND CULTURE.
MR. HANCILES CAN COMMENCE TRAVEL JUNE 15 OR, ALTERNATIVELY,
JULY 10. HE IS INTERESTED IN SPEAKING TO FOREIGN AUDIENCES.

2. LUNGI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WHICH IS MR. HANCILES'
PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY, IS BORDERED CLOSELY ON ONE SIDE BY

A RANGE OF HILLS WHICH RISE UP TO 1,500 FEET IN HEIGHT. THIS COMBINATION OF CLOSE-IN HILLS, THE TROPICAL WEATHER AND THE PROXIMITY OF THE OCEAN OFTEN CREATES INTOLERABLE CONDITIONS OF FOGS, MIST, TRICKY WIND GUSTS AND TORRENTIAL RAIN. MR. HANCILES IS THEREFORE INTERESTED IN SEEING HOW AMERICAN AIRPORTS WITH SIMILAR GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS COPE WITH PROBLEMS OF TRAFFIC AND APPROACH CONTROL, PARTICULARLY THE LATTER.

3. ALTHOUGH LUNGI HAS SO FAR NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ATTEMPTS, MR. HANCILES IS INTERESTED IN OBSERVING METHODS OF PROVIDING FOR AIRPORT SECURITY.

4. SIERRA LEONE HAS SENT STUDENTS IN THE PAST TO THE OKLAHOMA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHOOL, AND MR. HANCILES WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THIS FACILITY TO BETTER ASSESS ITS VALUE IN FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS FOR TRAINING SIERRA LEONE AIRPORT PERSONNEL. OTHER INSTITUTIONS HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ARE THE FAA, AB, THE AMERICAN OFFICES OF IATA, THE TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ORGANIZATION AND NASA. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO OBSERVE THE OPERATIONS OF LARGE AIRPORTS AS O'HARE, JFK, DULLES, ATLANTA, FORT WORTH-DALLAS, NEW ORLEANS, MIAMI, LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY ALL. MR. HANCILES IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATION OF SEVERAL SMALLER FIELDS IN SIERRA LEONE, HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO OBSERVE OPERATIONS AT APPROPRIATE SMALLER AIRPORTS IN THE U.S.

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